

REMARKS

Claims 1, 18-21, 30, and 55-76 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 30, 55-56, 58-61, 65, and 74-76 have been allowed.

Claims 2-17, 22-29, and 31-54 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 18-21 and 66-73 stand withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 57 and 62-64 have been amended to provide clarity and/or proper antecedents.

Support for claim amendment is found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 57 and 62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of written description (see Official Action, at page 2, paragraph 6).

Claims 57 and 62 have been amended according to the Examiner's recommendations. In view of the amendments, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 57 and 62, and requests the allowance of Claims 57 and 62.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 62 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness by lacking antecedent basis for terms "light chain" and "heavy chain" (see Official Action, at page 3, paragraph 8).

The amendment to Claim 62, as described above, should obviate the basis for the rejection. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 62, and requests the allowance of Claim 62.

Claim Objections

Claims 63-64 stand under an objection for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 64 depends on Claim 63, which depends on Claim 62. Amendment to Claim 62 (described above) should remove the basis for the objection. Claims 63 and 64 have been amended to be consistent with the terms of Claim 62 (base claim), as amended. In view of the amendments, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 63 and 64.

CONCLUSION


From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of present application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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